



MINUTES

CWL General Meeting

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Amherstview, Ontario

Attending: Shirley McDonald, Theresa Shanks, Kelly Neville, Marie Minifie, Margaret Wilson, Cathy Splinter, Shirley O'Connor, Anne Nicholls, Marg Beneteau, Marie Pemberton, Teresa Horner, Susan Aubin, Danna Dobson, Carol Daigle, Ann Leclair, Jane Burke, Bernadette Burgess, Bernadette Veitch, Mary Lou Hills, Mary Seifred, Noreen D'Eon, Mary Garrah, Maureen Birdsell, Eleanor Wagar, Donna Guiney

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, November 11, 2014 after 7:00PM Mass

LOCATION: Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, Amherstview

#	Executive Reports	Presenter
1.	Welcome and call meeting to order-Shirley welcomed members at 7:30PM	Shirley McDonald
2.	Opening prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel To start the meeting, Donna thanked Teresa Horner, Eleanor Wagar and Sue Aubin, for assisting with the Bereavement project. Donna led a short liturgy and candles were lit as prayers were said in memory of those gone before us. Members received a candle to light at home to honor and remember loved ones.	Shirley McDonald Donna Guiney
3.	Approval of Oct. 14/14 Minutes; motion by Danna Dobson, 2 nd by Marie Minifie; accepted.	Theresa Shanks
4.	Spiritual Advisor's Report- Fr. Stan suggested to Shirley to consider having a day of Adoration, around Divine Mercy feast in 2015. The Eucharist would be on display; members and parishioners could spend quiet time with the Lord. The day would end with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. General interest was evident. Details will be worked out before the date, (open to members, KofC, parishioners-open till 8PM for working people-school children could attend-perhaps a Thurs. would be good).	Shirley McDonald
5.	President's Report-Diocesan CWL announced requirements for "Not for Profit Organizations"-our CWL council should hold an annual general meeting and present annual, reports, financial budget, etc. This meeting will be announced in our Church Bulletin-and will take place in Jan., 2015 (weather permitting)	Shirley McDonald
6.	Treasurer's Report-Present bank balance \$4,904.39-report handed around.	Donna Guiney
7.	Membership Report-Kelly is accepting renewals (annual fee is \$25.)for 2015 at Christmas Potluck; there will be an Early Bird prize again this year; National notified her that fees should be sent in monthly by Membership person.	Kelly Neville
8.	Archdiocesan CWL Info-Please return Convention tickets before Dec.9/14	Shirley McDonald
9.	Old Business: 9.1 Snowflake Bazaar Nov.1/14-Shirley McDonald thanked members for their help. Our bazaar was a success and showed a profit of around \$3,800. 9.2 Policy Manual-2 new policies-Shirley read & explained "President Elect" policy. "Elections" was explained by Bernadette Burgess during our elections at the end of the meeting. Motions for approval by Marie Minifie & Maureen Birdsell- carried. 9.3 Redemptorist Stamps- Carol Daigle will pick up and deliver stamps to St. Patrick's Church in Napanee. (see story of Redemptorist Stamps Burse on Pg. 3) 9.4 CWL Diocesan Retreat Oct. 18/14-Theresa Shanks reported the annual retreat was a Spiritual benefit to members attending. Sr. Jocelyn Monette was guest speaker.	



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10. Standing Committee Reports:

- 10.1 Spiritual Development-Blessed Sacrament 2014 Coat Drive provided 20 coats, some snowpants, mitts & hats to the Hotel Dieu Annual Coat Drive. Donna Guiney
- 10.2 Organization-no report Shirley McDonald
- 10.3 Christian Family Life-Jane asked for belated prayers for the Synod of Bishops. She read the CWL directive stressing Faith and the Family with suggestions for prayers for families, single moms. After discussion, our council made a motion to support a family in our parish. Donna Guiney will co-ordinate this support by advising the family of help within the community (school, Children's Aid). Members were asked to give cash donations at our December potluck and food and gift cards will be purchased for the family's needs by Donna. Motion of support made by Bernadette Veitch, second by Bernadette Burgess, carried. Jane Burke
- 10.4 Community Life-Kelly reported on a community support group 100+Women Who Care, who provide financial support to local charities. More info is needed about this group and the charities they support. Kelly Neville
- 10.5 Education-Eleanor Wagar will ask the school bulletin to place info on the Redemptorist Stamps so students can save stamps. She will advise the school about the Annual Children's Christmas Party to be held in our parish hall. Eleanor Wagar
- 10.6 Health-Marie Pemberton sent around a volunteer sheet to organize the 2015 Wellness Fair. She will contact the Sisters of Providence for helpful information for this venue. Marie Pemberton
- 10.7 Communications-no report Carol Daigle
- 10.8 Parish Activities-no report Danna Dobson

11. New Business:

- 11.1 Correspondence-Thank you card from MarySeifred and telephone thank you message from Sister Mary Hurley. Carol Daigle
- 11.2 Christmas Potluck Dec. 9/14-Members will contact Cathy Splinter to help prepare the parish hall kitchen and do shopping. Marie Minifie will invite the Sisters.
- 11.3 Day of Adoration-See #4.
- 11.4 Religious Articles Cabinet-Due to impracticality, the Cabinet will close the end of December. A clearance sale will be held in Jan., 2015. Theresa gave a heartfelt thank you to all members who assisted with this mission since 2003. Motion made by Marie Minifie, second by Danna Dobson, carried. Theresa Shanks
- 11.5 Elections 2015-There were 27 nominees. Bernadette Burgess acted as our chair for elections. Our new executive, effective January, 2015 is as follows:
President: Shirley O'Connor, President Elect: Bernadette Veitch,
Treasurer: Kelly Neville, Membership: Carol Daigle, Secretary: Mary Lou Hills
Past President: Shirley McDonald

12. Closing Prayer :-Prayer for our Prayer Partner Council-St Denis Athens Shirley McDonald

Hail Mary prayed for the repose of the souls of Brian Dwyre & Charles Baker. Adjournment around 9:00PM

Future Meetings: Potluck, Dec. 9/14; Jan. 14/14; Feb. 11/14; Mar. 11/14; Apr. 8/14; May 13/14; June 10/14



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Report by Carol Daigle

The Redemptorist Stamps Bursary Fund

The stamps that are being collected for the missions are processed by Helen McCarthy, the coordinator of the Redemptorist Stamps Bursary Fund in Ottawa.

This work involves receiving packages of stamps (mailed or hand delivered), sorting them, cutting them to the proper size (leaving $\frac{1}{4}$ " around the stamp), boxing them for sale to a local buyer. The coordinator is also responsible for the bank account for the Burse which involves depositing cheques when the stamps are sold and issuing cheques to the Redemptorists every 3 or 4 months. The Redemptorists match the donations made from the Stamp Burse. The money raised from sale of the stamps goes to the Canadian Food for Children Mission Fund run by Dr. Andrew Simone who sends food, clothing and school supplies to Third World countries through local missionaries.

It's important to leave at least $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of paper around the stamps. Deposit the stamps into the box marked "Stamps" that is on the glass case - which is to the right as you come into the church.